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## **Highlights**

- ▶ The new hydrophilic NF/RO membranes were used for treatment of produced water.
- ▶ The hydrophilic properties are anticipated to show a low level of membrane fouling.
- ▶ The NF treated water met standards for drinking water except for three parameters.
- ► The RO treated water has potential for reuse as indirect potable water. ► The NF membrane may be used as a pre-treatment for the RO.

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